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SUBJ: LOCKHEED AND THE PRINCE---THE SWISS ANGLE

REF: THE HAGUE 896

1. SWISS PRESS REPORTS THAT DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN BERN HAS INQUIRED AT FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT WHETHER DUTCH INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION MIGHT ENTER SWITZERLAND IN ORDER TO QUESTION INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT SHED LIGHT ON CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST PRINCE BERNHARD. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED ARE FRED MEUSER, FORMERLY LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE FOR EUROPE, AND LAWYER HUBERT WEISBROD.

2. DUTCH AMBASSADOR WAS APPARENTLY TOLD THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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WHICH NEXT MEETS FEBRUARY 25, WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE THE QUESTION. PRESS REPORTS RUMORS THAT FPD WANTS TO

ACCEDE TO DUTCH REQUEST WHILE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
AND POLICE IS OPPOSED FOR FEAR OF TRIGGERING FLOOD OF
SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WISHING TO CONDUCT
INVESTIGATIONS ON SWISS SOIL.

3. PRESS HAS SUGGESTED THAT ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION WOULD
BE FOR DUTCH COMMISSION TO QUESTION MEUSER AND WEISBROD
OUTSIDE SWITZERLAND, BUT THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY WITH
THEIR CONSENT.
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